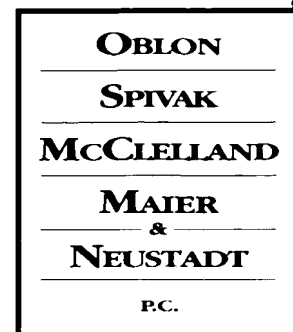


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/030,132
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Filing Date: January 25, 2002
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING GAMMA-
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Group Art Unit: 1651
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Requirement for Restriction; Request for Extension of Time (one month)

Our check in the amount of **\$110.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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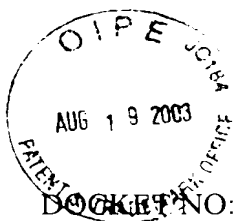
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5 and 7-9, drawn to a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and a yeast extract product, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-5 and 7-9, drawn to a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and a yeast extract product; and,
- Group II: Claims 6, drawn to a process of making a recombinant strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5 and 7-9, drawn to a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and a yeast extract product, for further prosecution.

The Requirement for Restriction is traversed on the following grounds:

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